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that I'm going to offer and it would, in lines 5 and 14, on page 3, it would strike the new matter and reinstate the stricken matter. That would put the law back where it is now, in its gouging attitude, and the amount would be \$250 that the landlord could filch. That amendment is not before us yet, but I'm going to offer it. And maybe this bill ought to be like a grapevine or a tree. You prune it. You cut away certain parts of it to try to get down to something that can live and perhaps grow. But I don't want this bill to grow into something worse than it is. It's a monster right now. I want to cut it back. So, after we get through with these bracket motions, I intend to go back into that part of the committee amendments where those dollar amounts are mentioned and start the arduous job of analyzing, trying to persuade and convince my colleagues that the law, as it stands now, is unfair, and there is no basis to make that which is unfair even more unfair. I read in the paper that there were 1,300 teachers here yesterday. They organize. They have an organization. Tenants and groups such as that are not organized and they're referred to as groups only because they are similarly situated, but they don't have meetings, they don't get together, they don't try to unite their forces to say we're going to pressure this politician into listening to us to the same extent he or she or they listen to these high-powered, high-paid lobbyists. The lobbyists know that. The senators The landlords know it. So their train has to be derailed by somebody else. America consists of a representative form of government. The people who need to be looked out for are not here themselves so people who are here in their stead have an obligation to look out for their interests. It just so happens on this issue ...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...my colleagues are interested in looking out for the welfare of the landlords. I am interested in looking out for the welfare of the tenants. There is a lobbyist calling the shots who thinks he's going to make it come out the way he wants it to, and maybe he will win. And if he does, I will have had my education improved again and I will learn something, because I will watch very carefully to see how it is done so that I can make sure it never happens again, make sure that it never happens again with this proviso--as long as I am a